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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed February 15, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A self-securing otologic prosthesis, comprising:  
[a] an elongated shaft formed of biocompatible shape-memory alloy,  
one end of said shaft having a reversely-turned end portion forming a first bight [as  
manufactured],  
said first bight [being] capable of being [opened] deformed for receiving a first otologic  
structure and [of] upon application of heat closing into gripping engagement with said first  
otologic structure [in response to heat], and  
fastening means on an opposite end of said shaft remote from said first bight for  
operatively engaging a second otologic structure.

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Claim 2, line 4, before "~~bight~~" insert --first--, and delete "its".

Claim 3, lines 2-3, delete "~~elongate and~~".

Claim 4, line 3, replace "a piston" with --an enlarged cylindrical body--.

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